It is Sunday the 14th February 2010 and here is ANARTS with our weekly RTTY news bringing you - cast 1580.
Views expressed in this news bulletin are not necessarily those of the Broadcast Officer, the Relay Officers, or of the Society.
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A.N.A.R.T.S. News Bulletin 1580 for 14th February 2010
ARLB004 W1AW to Alternate Digital Mode Schedule
Beginning Monday, March 15, 2010, W1AW will alternate the digital modes used for its digital bulletin transmissions.
While Baudot, PSK31 and MFSK16 still make up the digital mode complement, the schedule will be altered to give more exposure to PSK31 and MFSK16.
Because of time constraints and the varying lengths of digital bulletins, there were many instances where only Baudot was used.
With the new schedule, amateurs preferring either PSK31 or MFSK16 will find these modes no longer secondary.
The regular callup will be made using the mode that is transmitted first.Â The digital bulletin times remain at 6 PM and 9 PM eastern, daily.
The Tuesday and Friday Keplerian data bulletins will continue to be sent using just Baudot and PSK31.
The new digital schedule is as follows:
Monday:Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Baudot, PSK31, MFSK16
Tuesday:Â Â Â Â Â Â PSK31, MFSK16, Baudot
Wednesday:Â Â Â Â MFSK16, Baudot, PSK31
Thursday:Â Â Â Â Â Baudot, PSK31, MFSK16
Friday:Â Â Â Â Â Â Â PSK31, Baudot, MFSK16
Given time constraints and bulletin lengths, all three modes may not always be transmitted.

IPS Weekly Solar and Geophysical Report for 5th to 11th February, issued on 12th February by IPS Radio and Space Services.
SUMMARY

Date	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
10cm flux	78	88	90	94	91	91	94
AFr index	0	2	2	3	1	1 (5 estimated)	
Aaus index	4	6	6	5	3	6 (8 estimated)	
T index	3	10	16	26	24	28	32

Solar flare activity was very low on 5th; moderate on 6th and 8th; high on 7th; and low on 9th to 11th.
The following flares were reported on:
6th - one M2.9, one M1.3
7th â€“ one M6.4
8th â€“ one M4.1, one M2, and one M1.1
Geomagnetic activity observed for the Australian region was quiet on 5th and 8th to 10th; mostly quiet with an isolated active period on 6th; and quiet to unsettled on 7th and 11th.
Southern Australian ionospheric F2 critical frequencies were near predicted to 15 per cent enhanced on 5th, 9th and 11th; near predicted on 6th and 8th; near predicted to 20 per cent enhanced on 7th; and near predicted to 34 per cent enhanced on 10th.
Forecast for 12th to 18th February
Solar activity should be low.
Geomagnetic activity should see quiet to unsettled conditions.
Maximum usable frequencies should be near predicted monthly values.
Courtesy of IPS Radio and Space Services
Summary by Pat Leeper VK2JPA

ARLD006 DX news for 11th February 2010
KENYA, 5Z. Enrico, 5Z4ES, Frank, IK8TEO, Tony, IK8UHA and Antonio, IK8VRH are QRV as 5Z0H until February 25. This includes activity

from islands Wasini, IOTA AF-067, and Lamu, IOTA AF-040. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY with two stations active simultaneously. QSL via IK8VRH.
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 9Y. Mike, DF8AN is QRV as 9Y4/homecall from Tobago, IOTA SA-009, until February 22. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly CW. QSL to home call.
CHINA, BY. David, BA4DW/4 is QRV from Changxing Island, IOTA AS-136, until February 19 operating holiday style. QSL to home call.
BAHAMAS, C6. Drew, N2RFA is QRV as C6ABB from Nassau, IOTA NA-001, until February 18. Activity is on 80, 40, 20 and 17 meters using RTTY, SSTV and PSK31. QSL to home call.
MOROCCO, CN. Special event station 5E50SA is QRV until February 28 during the 50th anniversary of the devastating earthquake which destroyed the Moroccan city of Agadir 50 years ago. QSL via EA7FTR.
IRAN, EP. Mohammad, EP4MRG has been QRV on 20 meters using SSB between 1100 and 1300z. QSL to home call.
GRENADA, J3. Bill, K4LTA is QRV as J37BO until March 3. In addition, he and NK4N will be QRV as J38A as a Multi/Single entry in the upcoming ARRL DX CW contest. QSL both calls via K4LTA.
DOMINICA, J7. Steve, KL7SB is QRV as J79SB until February 18. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via NI5DX.
US VIRGIN ISLANDS, KP2. John, K3CT and John, K3TEJ will be QRV as KP2/homecalls from February 17 to 24. They will be active as KP2M in the upcoming ARRL DX CW contest. Before and after the contest they will be active on all bands using CW, RTTY and PSK31. QSL KP2/K3CT via K3CT, KP2/K3TEJ via K3TEJ and KP2M via AI4U.
PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P2. Puiu, YO5BIM is QRV as P29VIM until February 21. Activity is on 20 meters and above using CW and SSB. He is active mostly during his evenings. QSL to home call.
BONAIRE, CURACAO, PJ2. Roger, N4RR is QRV as PJ4/homecall from Bonaire, IOTA SA-006, until February 15. Activity is on all bands using CW and RTTY. He will be active as PJ4R as a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry in the CQ WW WPX RTTY contest. QSL both calls to home call.
BELIZE, V3. AA4NC will be QRV as V31RR from February 17 to 23. Activity will be on 30, 17 and 12 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. This includes an entry in the upcoming ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via AI4U.
AUSTRALIA, VK. Bill, VK4FW will be QRV as VK8MM from Groote Eylandt, IOTA OC-141, beginning February 14 for possibly 7 days. He will be active using mainly CW. QSL to home call.
MEXICO, XE. Yahir, XE2JA/XF1 and possibly other operators are QRV from Alcatraz Island, IOTA NA-167, until February 14. Activity is on 80 to 15 meters using SSB and RTTY, and Satellite activity on AO-51, AO-27 and SO-50. QSL via EA5XC.
CAMBODIA, XU. Wim, ON6NP, Wim, ON6TZ and Peter, XU7ACY are QRV as XU7KOH from Koh Russei Island, IOTA AS-133, until February 16. They will later be joined by ON4AFU and F5PAC. QSL via ON7PP.
NICARAGUA, YN. Look for operators K8DD, AC8W, KB8TXZ and N8LJ to be QRV as YN2DD, YN2WW, YN2TX and YN2LJ, respectively, from February 16 to 25. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. This includes an entry in the upcoming ARRL DX CW contest as a Multi/Single entry. QSL YN2DD and YN2WW via K8DD, YN2LJ via K8ESQ and YN2TX via KB8TXZ.

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 946 - excerpts
3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND
John, G3LZQ, will be active as 3B9WR from Cotton Bay, Rodrigues Island (AF-017) between March 3rd and April 2nd. Activity will be on all bands 160-10 meters, probably and mainly CW, but with a focus on the lower band (QRN permitting). Look for him to be in the RSGB's 73rd Commonwealth Contest (March 13-14th). QSL

via his home callsign.
9G, GHANA
Alan, G3XAQ, will once again be active (possibly as 9G5XA) during March (specific dates not provided). He plans to be an entry in the RSGB's 73rd Commonwealth Contest (March 13-14th) as a 12 hour category. Alan will use a K2 w/100 watts into an Inverted-L for 80m, Inverted-Vee doublet for 40m and a Moxon beam for 20/15m. QSL via G3SWH.
ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK NEWS
(PLEASE REMEMBER - Stations That Are Active May NOT Be In The Antarctic!)
Just a reminder that the Worldwide Antarctic Program's (WAP) 7th Antarctic Activity Week (AAW) will take place between 0000z, February 22nd and 2400z, February 28th. The AAW is a unique world- wide event where Hams are "celebrating and working to improve Worldwide interest around the Antarctic Continent and its related matters, to understand and share what the Nations and Organizations are doing to study and protect this still non-contaminated corner of the world and share from there, a message of peace world-wide."
More than 40 callsigns representing 16 countries world-wide are participating in this year's event. Additional information is available at the WAP Web site:
http://www.waponline.it
C6, BAHAMAS
Marc, K1CTT, will be active as C6ALT from the south end of Eleuthera Island (NA-001) between February 26th and March 10th. He will be there with is XYL on holiday, so activity will be limited and inconsis- tent. Operations will be on 40-15 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign.
C6, BAHAMAS
Drew, N2RFA, will be active as C6ABB from Nassau (NA-001) between February 8-18th. Activity will be on 80/40/20/17 meters using PSK31, RTTY and SSTV. QSL via his home callsign.
CN, MOROCCO
Guy, F8ALU, is currently active as CN2BG until early March. Look for him on SSB generally on 14115 or 14130 kHz. QSL via his home callsign.
DXCC NEWS
Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operations from Cape Verde (D4) are approved for DXCC credit:
D44TXP D44TXI D44TXQ
D44TXO D44TXF D44TXR
D44TXSIf you had one of these operations rejected on a recent application please send a note to dxcc@arrl.org to have your record updated.
H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE
By the time you read this, operators Siegfried/ DK9FN, Bernhard/DL2GAC and Hans-Peter/DG1FK should be active as H40FN (CW), H40MS (SSB) and H40FK (Digi-mode), respectively, from Ngarando/ Reef Islands (OC-065) until February 19th. Activity will be focused on 160/80m (using their famous LOBSTER 2-element multi-band vertical), but they will operate on 160-6 meters depending on the band conditions. QSL H40FN via HA8FW, H40MS via DL2GAC and H40FK via DG1FK. QSL cards will be sent out automatically via the Bureau. However, for those who want to receive their QSL cards directly, a minimum of 2 USDs for postage is requested. Donations are most welcome. For more details, updates and pictures/details of Siegfried's last visit to Temotu, please visit the following Web page at:
http://hari-ham.com/h40fn
IOTA NEWS
AS-058. Wolfgang, OE1WWL, will be active as 9M2/OE1WWL from Langkawi Island between February 24-28th. Look for activity on SSB (bands of operations were not provided). He will only be using 10 watts and a wire antenna. QSL via his home callsign; the Bureau is preferred.
OC-141. Bill Horner, VK4FW, President of the ODXG, will be active as VK8MM from Groote Eylandt starting February 14th for possibly 7 days. Activities will be mainly CW to compensate for the barefoot operation. Bill will evaluate a special purpose built vertical antenna for this operation which may well prove to be a great asset to any operation. QSL route is via VK4FW, direct by the Bureau or the ODXG's OQRS at:
http://www.odxg.org

OC-203. (Update/RARE IOTA). Operators Ray/ZL4TY (home callsign VK4DXA) and Paul/ZL4M (home callsign ZL4PW) have added Paul/ZL4PA to the team to activate Stewart Island between March 12-23rd. For more details, refer to OPDX.938 or visit their Web page at:
http://www.zl4pw.orconhosting.net.nz/OC203/si_index.htm
J3, GRENADA (Update)
Harry, AC8G, will once again be active as J37K beginning March 4th. Activity will include the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 6-7th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. Harry tells OPDX readers to look for him outside of the contest mid-mornings on March 4-5th. He expects most of his time will be on 15 or 17 meters SSB beaming EU during their openings. However, Harry will check 10 and 12 meters occasionally. There will be no operations after the contest due to his early departure on Monday morning. During the contest, Harry states that he doubts he'll be on 40, 80 and 160 meters other than the first few hours of the contest. QSL to AC8G, stateside direct with SASE. For others sending by the Bureau, please clearly mark for QSLs to go to AC8G.
J6, ST. LUCIA
Bob, G3PJT, will be active as J6/G3PJT from the north- east corner of St. Lucia (NA-108) between March 9-16th. Activity will be holiday style using a K2 w/100 watts and vertical antennas. He plans to also be in the RSGB's 73rd Commonwealth Contest (March 13-14th). Look for him outside of the contest especially on 80 and 30 meters. QSL via his home callsign.
J7, DOMINICA
Steve, KL7SB, will be active as J79SB between February 9-18th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via NI5DX.
J8, ST. VINCENT
Dave, G3TBK, will once again be active as J88DR between February 18th and March 15th. Activity will include the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 20-21st) and the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 6-7th) as a Single- Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. He will also be in the RSGB's 73rd Common- wealth Contest (March 13-14th). Activity outside of the contest will be on all HF bands, especially 30/17/12 meters, but mostly on CW. QSL via G3TBK, direct or by the RSGB Bureau.
P4, ARUBA (Update)
John, KK9A, will be active as P40A between February 28th and March 14th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. He will also be in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 6-7th) as a Single-Op/ All-Band entry. QSL via WD9DZV. John informs OPDX that his QSL Manager Tim, WD9DZV, will join him between March 7-14th. Tim will operate mostly CW using the callsign P40D.
P4, ARUBA
Howard, WA2NHA, will be active as P4/WA2NHA between February 28th and March 14th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters mainly CW. QSL via his home callsign.
RTTY SURVEY
Don, AA5AU, invites all RTTY contesters to participate in a new "RTTY Contesting Survey" located on rttycontesting.com at:
http://rttycontesting.com/2010FebRTTYSurvey.html
He thanks you for your participation. The survey will run until March 5th, 2010. The results will be published on rttycontesting.com some- time in mid-March 2010, and an announcement will be made over the various E-mail reflectors. Feel free to forward this invitation to other RTTY contesters.
TO5, SAINT MARTIN
Alan, F6BFH, and his XYL Danielle will be on the Island of Saint Martin (NA-105) between March 11Â-24th. Look for Alan to be active as TO5SM on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via F6BFH, direct or by the Bureau.
V2, ANTIGUA
Operators Bob/W4OWY and Mark/W9OP will once again be active as V25WY and V25OP, respectively, between March 9-18th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsign or by the Bureau. Logs will also be uploaded as before to LoTW and eQSL.
V3, BELIZE
Will, AA4NC (W4MR) will be active as V31RR between February 17-23rd. Activity will be on CW, SSB, RTTY, and the 30/17/12 bands. His activity will include the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 20-21st). QSL via AI4U.
V3, BELIZE

Ben, DL6RAI, will be active as V31RI from Consejo Beach between February 10th and March 2nd. Bands and modes of activity were not provided. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. His log will be uploaded to LoTW after his return home and operation.
V7, MARSHALL ISLAND
Tom, N4XP, will be on Kwajalein between March 9-22nd. Look for him to be active as V7/N4XP on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. Tom tells OPDX that he plans to be active on 60 meters this trip. QSL via his home callsign.
VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS
Rick, K6VVA, will be active as VP5/K6VVA from Providenciales (NA-002) between February 18Â-24th. Activity will be holiday style, but he plans to be active during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 20-21st) using the callsign VP5Z. This callsign is chosen in honor of his longtime friend Jim Neiger, N6TJ (ZD8Z). QSL this VP5 operation only via N6AWD. View Rick's Web page at:
http://www.k6vva.com
YN, NICARAGUA
Four members of the Texas DX Society will be operating from Nicaragua, March 4-9th. They plan to be active on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. During the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 6-7th), they will use the YN2EA callsign in the Multi-Single category. During non-contest periods, they will have two stations active on all modes and bands. Members included are: Cal/WF5W (YN2EA), Mike/K5UO (YN2UO), Keith/ NM5G (YN2MG) and Doug/WB5TKI (YN2TKI). The QSL Manager for all callsigns is Paul, W5PF. Online Log Search will be available, and all logs will be uploaded to ARRL's LoTW. For more information and news see their Web page at:
http://www.tdxs.net/yn2ea.html

The Society can be contacted in the following ways: To Pat VK2JPA via patleeper at optusnet.com.au, or you can drop a line to PO Box 93 Toongabbie NSW 2146.
73â€™s from Pat VK2JPA broadcast Officer.